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R. M. Crooke et al.)
Appln. No. 09/918,187) Examiner: K. LaCourciere
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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This paper is filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated January 13, 2003. A Petition to Extend the Time for Response under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (1) for two months from April 13, 2003 to June 13, 2003 and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a) (2) are filed concurrently herewith.

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